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FOR AMB VAKY FROM AMB CARLUCCI

E.O. 11652: XGDS-3
TAGS: EFIN, PFOR, PO, VE
SUBJECT: FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR PORTUGAL

REF: STATE 117741

1. FORMER AMB TO PORTUGAL ALFREDO BALCO CASANOVA
WHO REPRESENTED GOV AT THE PARIS CONFERENCE ON
ASSISTANCE TO PORTUGAL VISITED LISBON MAY 21 THROUGH 23.
ON SATURDAY NIGHT I HAD A LENGTHY CONVERSATION WITH
HIM. ON SUNDAY NIGHT HE HAD DINNER ALONE WITH MARIO
SOARES. I HAD PREVIOUSLY INDICATED TO SOARES THAT HE
SHOULD URGE GOV TO BE MORE FORTHCOMING THAN IT WAS AT THE
PARIS CONFERENCE.

2. JUDGING FROM HIS COMMENTS BALDO WAS SOMEWHAT OUT OF
PLACE AT THE PARIS CONFERENCE. HE TENDS TO THINK
EXCLUSIVELY IN POLITICAL TERMS AND DID NOT FULLY UNDERSTAND
THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE CONFERENCE WAS TO LAY THE
TECHNICAL GROUNDWORK FOR A POLITICAL DECISION. HE
URGED THAT MORE POLITICAL SPADEWORK BE DONE BEFORE
THE NEXT CONFERENCE. I TOLD HIM THAT WAS PRECISELY
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WHAT WE HAD IN MIND, AND THE GOV COULD PLAY AN
IMPORTANT ROLE IN THESE EFFORTS. I URGED HIM
TO MAKE THE STRONGEST POSSIBLE FOR GOV TO MAKE
A FIRM AND PUBLIC DECISION TO AID PORTUGAL.

3. BALDO SAID HE WOULD MAKE A STRONG EFFORT ON HIS
RETURN. HE WAS HIGHLY COMPLIMENTARY ABOUT YOUR

RELATIONS WITH GOV, PARTICULARLY PRESIDENT PEREZ,
AND SUGGESTED THAT A PERSONAL APPROACH FROM YOU
FOLLOWING THE PARIS CONFERENCE WOULD BE USEFUL. I
TOLD HIM I WAS SURE YOU WOULD DO EVERYTHING YOU
COULD TO BE HELPFUL. YOU MAY WISH TO CONTACT HIM
DIRECTLY.
CARLUCCI

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